M&O
QL 671
.G84

CALIFORNIA
ACADEMY OF SCIENCES
FEB - 2 1976
LIBRARY

GOLDEN GATE AUDUBON SOCIETY INC.

the gull

Volume 58 Berkeley, Calif. February 1976 Number 2

THANK YOU

DICK DEAN, DICK ERICKSON
DOUG GOMKE, WILL LAWSON, KLAUS LANG

Thanks to you, the Christmas Count was smooth as satin — the weather perfect (ordered by you, we're sure), the turn-out impressive, the sightings good. Thank you.

THANK YOU

CLAIRE GREENSFELDER

This month's Julia Child Culinary Achievement Award goes to you for your preparations at the Talley Session. Your homemade soup and bread were, as they say, OUTTA SIGHT.

GET OUT YOUR PITH HELMETS! WE'RE GOING ON A SAFARI

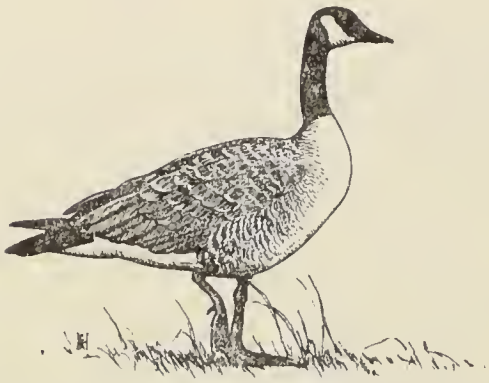
From the Highlands of Malawi to the Plains of Kenya-Tanzania, Paul F. Covel will lead us on an African Safari at our February meeting.

Paul will present an illustrated account of a Spring bird, big game, and plant photo safari in East Africa. A brief visit was made to the highlands of the small country of Malawi. The Kenya-Tanzania adventure involved 17 days of game and bird hunting (with cameras only).

Paul will discuss some of the critical economic and environmental problems of these African republics. One of the highlights of the presentation will be a visit — through Paul — with the Massai tribesmen.

The meeting will be held Feb. 12th at 7:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Church on Franklin at Geary in San Francisco.

Conservation



LOBBYING BILLS: The Internal Revenue Service regulations controlling lobbying by non-profit groups such as G.G.A.S. are hazey and subject to broad interpretation.

1. The Audubon Alert insert in the Sept. *Gull* urged you to write to your congressman for support of H.R. 8021 which would set guidelines for lobbying for conservation groups. This bill is sponsored by National Audubon.

2. Since then another bill, H.R. 15, was proposed in the House in Sept. This is intended to expose undercover lobbying by requiring disclosure of all contacts with government agencies, but would in effect muzzle organizations such as ours because of the tremendous amount of paperwork involved in reporting every communication with every level of government. This would be expensive and time consuming and the penalties for overlooking a report would be severe. A similiar Senate Bill, S. 2477, contains practically all of the extremely serious implications of H. R. 15. Both bills are opposed by the National Audubon Society and other environmental groups as they would discourage these organizations from seeking information and expressing viewpoints on issues.

3. Four senators have circulated a letter seeking co-sponsors for a senate bill identical to H.R. 8021, the Audubon supported bill, to provide guidelines for educational organizations. Some 35 senators have to date joined in an effort to get such a bill in the next session of congress. We urge you to ask Senators Cranston and Tunney to support this bill and to oppose S. 2477. Write to them at the Senate Office Bldg., Wash. D.C. 20510.

Ask your congressman to support H.R. 8021 and oppose H.R. 15. Write to House Office Bldg., Wash. D.C. 20515.

CONSERVATION CAUSES; If you have made a New Year's resolution to contribute to conservation causes here are some suggestions:

1. Money is still needed for court expenses in the litigation of the Maricopa, Ariz. Audubon Society and concerned citizens versus the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation. This is an attempt to save the last remnants of the Arizona and New Mexico Sonoran Desert streamside habitat and to preserve Gray Hawks, Black and Zone-tailed Hawks, Bald Eagles and

other rare birds. This effort to defeat the Central Arizona Project dam construction was reported in the Oct. *Gull.*

Committee to Finance the C.C.A.P.
P. O. Box 15102
Phoenix, Ariz. 85060

2. John Olmsted, who teaches UC Extension nature classes and was the prime mover in preserving the Mendocino Pygmy Forest Staircase (now a State Park), has an exciting new project. One of his favorite courses is "A California Transect"; from this he derived the idea of the Pacific Slope Trail which would connect the coast, the crest of the Sierra and the Continental Divide in Colorado. This ecosystem corridor will eventually link with the proposed Transcontinental Hiking Trail. Five strands of trail are envisioned: a scenic highway, separate bicycling, equestrian, wilderness loops, and hiking trails with hostels a day's walk apart. Landscape remnants and historic features such as an old mining flume system and a covered bridge will be included. Starting at the Pygmy Forest the route will pass many state parks, the Tule Elk Reserve, The Red Bud Audubon Sanctuary, the Gray Lodge Waterfowl Management Area and the Feather River Audubon Sanctuary. It will end in California at Emerald Bay State Park, Lake Tahoe.

Trust funds are being set up at;

Trails Fund
2300 Bridgeway
Sausalito, CA 94965

3. Anyone who would like to help a really far-out conservation effort should be interested in the latest idea of the Greenpeace Foundation. In March, nine of its members plus Byron Davies of the Fund for Animals are going to Canada's Gulf of St. Lawrence where the annual clubbing of the baby Harp Seals will be in progress (see the Jan. 1976 National Geographic for an account of this cruel event). These 10 intrepid people will attempt to save seal babies by spraying them with an indelible dye which will render the pelts useless to furriers. Money is needed for transportation and expenses.

Greenpeace Foundation
Harp Seal Project
2007 W. 4th Street
Vancouver, B.C. Canada

4. And of course there is our own Audubon Canyon Ranch which always welcomes any contributions.

—SHIRLEY TAYLOR, *Conservation Editor*

SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE

A scholarship is available to the Audubon Workshop in the West in Wyoming, for one of two week periods in July. The scholarship will cover the enrollment fee, which includes meals and housing. For further information, and to obtain application blanks, contact the GGAS office.

SWEPT AWAY . . . To The Farallon Islands

The Golden Gate Audubon Society will sponsor boat trips to circle the Farallon Islands on Sunday, April 11, and again on April 25. The trips will provide members with an opportunity to view nesting sea birds, many of which are sighted only occasionally from the coast. Past trips have produced sightings of Tufted Puffins in breeding plumage, shearwaters, and marine mammals.

Reservations should be made by sending $15 per person to: Golden Gate Audubon Society, 2718 Telegraph Avenue #206, Berkeley, CA 94705. Please make checks payable to the Golden Gate Audubon Society. Further info will be mailed out with confirmation notices.

HERE AND THERE

Audubon Institute of Desert Ecology — The Sonoran Desert is an exceptional and varied ecological community, home for both the giant saguaro cactus and the tiny black-tailed gnatcatcher. This mountainous, angular land forms the base for unique adaptation of plant and animal life to the harshness of the desert sun.

The Tuscon Audubon Society invites you to study and explore this unique community through participation in the sixth annual Audubon Institute of Desert Ecology. There are two opportunities to do so in 1976, Spring (May 7-10) and Summer (August 6-15).

Both programs consist of a series of walking field trips with experts in Geology, Ornithology, Zoology, Entomology and Botany. University of Arizona credit is available.

For fee information, what to bring, etc., contact Vera at the GGAS office.

Good News, Good News! Mile-Hi Ranch has been purchased by the Nature Conservancy.

Field Ecology with Paul Covel will be offered through Merritt College of Oakland. The course will consist of two Saturday classroom sessions and six trips to study local ecological communities, with emphasis on plants and birds. Classes will begin March 6 thru May 1. Call Merritt College, 531-4911 for information.

Colonial Bird Register - Audubon members are being urged to submit field survey forms which detail the location of colonies in their areas. Information will be fed into a computerized data base at Cornell University. Forms are supplied at no charge; they and further information may be obtained by writing The Colonial Bird Register, Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology, 159 Sapsucker Woods Road, Ithaca, New York, 14853.

Whaling, Whaling - The charter boat ARGO will leave S. F. for an all-day luxury cruise on Saturday, March 13th. Breakfast and lunch will be served aboard; free soft drinks and a no-host bar will be provided.

Sponsored by the Sierra Club Bay Chapter *Wildlife Subcommittee and the Endangered Species Committee of California,* the boat will head for the Farallon Islands Refuge. It is hoped that Gray Whales will be seen. Zoologist Mark J. Palmer will be the leader.

For ticket info, phone 428-1273 or 658-7470 (messages).

Not too late for Yosemite - you may still obtain Yosemite Workbooks by writing Yosemite Master Planning Team, c/o GG National Recreation, Fort Mason, S. F., CA 94123. They've gone into another printing; workbooks must be returned according to when you received them.

Bird's Eye View of the Bay

Good news for San Francisco Bay! A recently formed Richmond committee of appointed citizens and the Bay Conservation and Development Commission have held hearings to formulate plans for the south shore of Richmond. This group, though not weighted towards conservation, has recognized the importance of the marshes and mudflats of its area. Meetings and reports will have to be carefully reviewed, but appear to be moving toward protection of wildlife and the marshes/mudflats.

In conjunction with the positive steps of the City of Richmond, GGAS has formed a committee to determine long-range plans for the Chapter. A position of active conservation will be important; a central pivot will be the acquisition and management of the mudflats and marshes remaining along the East Bay shoreline. Several properties are under consideration which would be immediately accessible to GGAS members.

Anyone with ideas about possible acquisitions within the GGAS area should contact me ASAP.

The Conservation Committee has formulated a plan that would retain seven remaining acres of "lagoons" at the Berkeley Sanitary Landfill. This area would be allowed to slowly evolve into a bird refuge of open water, mudflats, and marshes in a large, unstructured park. Letters in support of retaining the lagoons for use as a bird refuge should be sent to the Planning or Parks and Recreation Departments of the City of Berkeley, 2134 Grove St., Berkeley, CA 94707. The city has to receive permits from the Corps of Engineers for any further filling, and with sufficient support, we keep part of this area for wild-and human-life.

Now the bad news. In Florida, the Corps has approved the destruction of 2,000 acres of mangrove wetlands, authorizing 700 acres of fill over open water and mudflats on Marco Island, Florida. The proposed Deltona Corp. project is for residential/commercial development of a "keys" type of shoreline. We should all write to the Chief of Engineers, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Forrestal Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20314, opposing the approval of such a project.

In Louisiana, a proposed project for 250,000 people will destroy more than 20,000 acres of marshes, riparian woodland, swamp woodland, and some scrubland on the east side of New Orleans. The local Audubon Chapter is presently opposing a Corps. proposed levee system which would make this project possible. To oppose this Orlandia-New Orleans East project, write to the District Engineer, Corps of Engineers, New Orleans, LA.

In the Bay Region, the major issue is the Estero "Improvement" District project to fill 382 acres for residential/commercial development as part of Foster City. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has requested a compensation of 320 acres of diked marsh lands for the project initiators. Foster City has refused. The local district has recommended approval, and the case is with the Corps. Send letters of *support* for the USF&W position to either the Chief of Engineers, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Forrestal Bldg., Washington, D.C., 94707, or to Mr. Wm. K. Lyons, Deputy Undersecretary, Dept. of the Interior, Washington, D.C., and Senators Cranston and Tunney.

—TOM WILLIAMS, *Conservation Chairperson*

DECEMBER OBSERVATIONS

The identification and occurrence of the **Yellow-billed Loon** in our area has been much better understood since the appearance of Remsen's and Binford's articles in *Western Birds* (Vol. 5, No. 4 and Vol. 6, No. 1) In general, a small number appear in early Dec. and early Jan. but do not linger; birds found after Jan. 15 tend to remain for some time. This season was no exception. Two birds seen on Tomales Bay Dec. 20 (SFB, RS, *et al*), albeit slightly late, could not be refound; another was seen from a boat in Monterey Bay Jan. 3 (TC, PW). (Incidentally, I highly recommend *Western Birds* to all serious birders. It can be had by joining the

California Field Ornithologists, for $5 a year, at P.O. Box 369, Del Mar, CA 92014). 3 unusual species of tubenoses were observed in Monterey Bay: a **Laysan Albatross** in early Dec. (VM). a **Flesh-footed Shearwater** Dec. 8 (TS), and 3 **Short-tailed Shearwaters** Dec. 14 (LJ, RL *et al*). All are irregular visitors. Only one of the formerly more common **Fork-tailed Storm-Petrel** was seen on Monterey Bay, and that from shore after a storm on Dec. 13 (PU). **Cattle Egrets** are wintering in fields near the coast in Santa Cruz, Half Moon Bay and Pt. Reyes, and they visited new areas at the Dumbarton Bridge Dec. 7 (EM), Lone Tree Cemetery, Hayward Dec. 26-28 (JL), and Golden Gate Park Jan. 4 (BJ, BF). 6 **White-faced Ibis** Dec. 23 at Grizzly Island were away from expected territory (CH). The **Bewick's Swans** have returned. Just last January they were added to the state list when 2 or 3 adults and 3 probable immatures appeared. Adults were found last month at Victoria Island west of Stockton Dec. 7-14 (VH, AE *et al*) and at Chico Dec. 28 (RS). A **Ross' Goose,** easual to the coast, was at Half Moon Bay Dec. 5-7 (PM, BS). Four semi-coastal **European Wigeons** were received: Bolinas Dec. 7 (LCB), Golden Gate Park Dec. 14 (DM), Limantour Dec. 20 (NS), and Oakland airport Dec. 21 (SFB). **Oldsquaws** winter on our coast in small numbers. Since they were well-reported this period perhaps it would be interesting to take a look at the breakdown north to south: 2 on Bodega Bay Dec. 14 (JL), 9 on Tomales Bay Dec. 20 (PK *et al*), 1 at the Fish Docks, Pt. Reyes Jan. 4 (DS), 1 at Limantour Dec. 18 (NS), 1 at Princeton all month (BS, PM), and 1 at Monterey Dec. 25 (VR, H&PB). **Black Rails** were heard in their resident marshes: Keyhole Marsh on Pt. Reyes Dec. 20 (RS, DD) and at Benecia S.P. Dec. 28. **Lesser (American) Golden Plover** winter in very small numbers here. Last month they were represented by trios at Pt. Reyes (RS, DP) and Half Moon Bay (PM, BS) and singles at Ano Nuevo (D&BG, ER) and Santa Cruz (DB). **Rock Sandpipers** regularly winter on Bodega Head, but a count of 4 on Dec. 22 was a bit above average (GB). Two **Glacous Gulls** were at Pt. Pinos in early Dec. (JR *et al*) and another was at Berkeley Dec. 21 (DP). A **Black-legged Kittiwake,** rare inside the outer coast, was on Bolinas Lagoon Dec. 7 (LCB). A very unusual winter sighting was that of a **Caspian Tern** on Tomales Bay Dec. 20 (BM, EM). **Ancient Murrelets** are not often seen away from Monterey Bay, where they regularly winter, but 11 were seen from Pigeon Pt., San Mateo Co. Dec. 6-7 (PM, BS, JM, JL) and 6 from Pt. Reyes Dec. 8 (WMP).

One of the very few records of the **Ground Dove** for Northern California came from Half Moon Bay Dec. 11-27 (BS, PM). Flycatchers continued to make news in December. An **Ash-throated Flycatcher,** almost unknown in winter, was at San Jose Dec. 21 (B&CY). The third state **Olivaceous Flycatcher,** found Dec. 7 (GZ, RD) remained at the mouth of the Carmel River until at least the 29th and was seen by a good percentage of the state's active birders. An **Eastern Phoebe** near the town of Bodega Dec. 14 was quite unexpected (JM) and another was on the Western Sonoma Count at Bodega Bay Jan. 3. Northern Calif. second **Cone's Flycatcher,**

found Dec. 6 at New Brighton S.B. (EM) was seen periodically until at least Dec. 25 (VR, H&PB *et al*). **Yellow-billed Magpies** stay closely within the confines of their range, yet an apparently wild bird was at Bay Farm Is. Dec. 21 (AE, GB). A **Dipper** was reported far from its usual winter haunt in Tilden Park Dec. 22 (FF). The **Brown Thrasher** found Nov. 18 at an Oakland feeder remained through Dec. (GM).

Besides being a highlight of the birding year, Christmas Counts add significantly to our understanding of wintering bird populations. An interesting case in point is the tribe of vireos and warblers. More of our rare wintering western-types are found on Counts than during the rest of the winter, or at least more are reported. Gleanings from this year's Counts provide the following sightings: a **Warbling Vireo,** most unusual in winter, on the Crystal Springs Count Dec. 27 (BS); three **Black-and-white Warblers,** now apparently regular in tiny numbers in winter, near Olema Dec. 20 (RS), in Tilden Park Dec 21 (SS), and at Novato Dec. 28 (GM); a **Nashville Warbler** at Alameda Dec. 21 (ERo) and 2 **Black-throated Grays** near Olema Dec. 20 (RS), both species unusual but not outstanding; 8 **Hermits,** even more regular: 4 near Olema Dec. 20 (RS), 2 on the Santa Rosa Count Dec. 21 (MP *et al*), and 2 on the Crystal Springs Count Dec. 27 (DE, DD); a **Northern Waterthrush** at the Carmel River mouth Dec. 26 (*fide* DE); and a **Wilson's Warbler,** truly unusual, in Berkeley Dec. 21 (BH).

A **Rose-breasted Grosbeak** appeared in a San Francisco garden Dec. 18 (EP); surprising it is as common as the Black-headed Grosbeak in winter, however, either species in winter is quite unusual. A **Tree Sparrow,** casual to the coast, was observed at Half Moon Bay Dec. 11 (BS, PM), and a **Harris' Sparrow** found the next day at the same spot remained through Dec. (JM, DE, BS), as did the one at a Berkeley feeder (OG). 4 **White-throated Sparrows** found together at Bolinas Dec. 27 (LCB) were noteworthy since they generally disperse singly. Good numbers of **Swamp Sparrows** are wintering: 13 or more in Olema marsh and Inverness (RS *et al*), up to 3 at Nearys Lagoon, Santa Cruz (RM) and Half Moon Bay (PM, BS), and singles at Santa Rosa (GB) and Coyote Hills (EM).
Observers: Stephen F. Bailey, Laurence C. Binford, George Bing, Dave Bockman, Hank & Prescilla Brodkin, Ted Chandik, Richard Dean, Donna Dittmann, Art Edwards, Dick Erickson, Frank Fisher, Bud Fry, Dennis & Billy Galagher, Clark Gleason, Bob Hirt, Craig Hohenberger, Vi Homem, Bill Jones, Lee Jones, Paul Kelly, Ron LeValley, Tom Lund, John Luther, Eugene Makishima, Gloria Markowitz, Gwen Mayne, Brian McCaffery, Pete Metropulos, Randy Morgan, Victor MorJohn, Joe Morlan, Dan Murphy, Dennis Palsson, Mike Parmeter, Ed Pike, William M. Pursell, Van Remsen, Elsie Richey (ER), Jolee Roberson, Elsie Roemer (ERo), Barry Sauppe, Dave Shuford, Steve Smith, Tom Southworth, Rich Stallcup, Nick Story, Phil Unitt, Peter White, Bob & Carol Yutzy, Gary Zamzow.

—DON ROBERSON, *Observations Editor*
2244 Encinal Ave. #5, Alameda, CA 94501 (865-2462)

Field Trips

Bring lunch on all trips unless otherwise indicated.

Sunday, Feb. 1 — Bus trip to **Thornton** in Sacramento Valley with Paul Covel. Details in January *GULL*. Bus coordinator: Pat Triggs (664-8502).

Saturday/Sunday, Feb. 7/8 — **Monterey Peninsula's** top birding spots with Ron Branson and Ted Chandik (493-5330). Details in January *GULL*.

Wednesday, Feb. 11 — Mini-walk for **seniors** at **Alameda South Shore.** Meet at **9:45 a.m.** at Lincoln Park, High St. and Santa Clara Ave. "O" bus from San Francisco; 51 or 58 bus from Oakland. Lunch optional. Leader: Paul Covel (530-2513).

Fri/Sat/Sun, Feb. 13/14/15 — Bus trip to **Moro Bay** with leaders from Moro Bay Audubon to see a great variety of birds. Details in January *GULL*. Bus coordinator: Pat Triggs (664-8502).

Saturday, Feb. 21 — Lake Merritt Duck Close-Up. A leisurely walk around the Lake after lunch, starting at **1:00 p.m.** at the Rotary Science Center, corner of Bellevue and Perkins. Accessible by AC Transit No. B, 12, and 18. Leader: Herold Connon (835-3005).

Sunday, Feb. 22 — Putah Creek, Solano County (about 70 miles from Berkeley via Napa or Vacaville). Meet in parking lot at top of **Monticello Dam,** east end of Lake Berryessa, at **8:00 a.m.** We will bird our way down Putah Creek toward Winters. After a lunch stop at Solano County Park we will travel to Woodland or another good birding spot nearby. Leaders: Nick Story (527-0210) and Dave Shuford (868-1221).

Saturday, Feb. 28 — Chain of Lakes in **Golden Gate Park** for ducks and early spring migrants. Meet at 43rd and Fulton at **9:00 a.m.** Leader: Erline Hevel (661-4251).

Sunday, Feb. 29 — Birding by ear for common resident birds: Hutton's Vireo, California Thrasher and others. Mostly in Tilden Park. Meet at **7:00 a.m.** at the west entrance booth to UC Berkeley campus, corner of University and Oxford. Walk 3-4 miles. Trip ends at noon. Leader: Marie Mans (284-7681).

Saturday/Sunday, March 6/7 — Honey Lake to see Sage Grouse on their booming grounds as well as eagles, owls, longspurs and many other birds wintering east of the northern Sierra. Meet SATURDAY at **6:00 a.m. or 9:00 a.m.**, and SUNDAY at **6:00 a.m.** at Lichtfield, 90 miles north of Reno on U.S. 395. Convenient motels: 7 Acre Motel, Lichtfield (916-257-6711), and Sierra Vista Motel, 1067 Main St., Susanville (916-257-2164). Primitive camping at the Honey Lake Refuge. Be prepared for muddy

trails and possibly snow on highways. Leaders: Bob and Carol Yutzy (415-968-8804).

Sunday, March 7 — For those who want to stay closer to home a trip to **Sunol Valley Regional Park,** southern Alameda County. Meet at the Brown Cottage Headquarters at **9:00 a.m.** From Interstate 680 take Hwy 84 off-ramp turn south into Calavera Rd., follow signs to Park (about 5 miles). Dippers are regular along the creek. Walk 3-4 miles. Leader: Gene Hull (525-6893).

FIELD TRIPS COMMITTEE

ETC.

AT THE MOVIES — Audubon Wildlife Films

Wild Tennessee — Over half of the state of Tennessee is evergreen timber land, and its incredibly varied topography and climate are host to a great diversity of life forms.

Come see for yourself how the variety of natural features in Tennessee is responsible for the state having a collection of plants and animals possibly without equal in any state or province in North America.

The film will be presented on Tuesday, February 24, at 7:30 p.m. at the Oakland Auditorium Theatre, Tenth and Fallon Sts.

Flora & Fauna - A field course in flora and fauna of the mid-Sierra elevations will be given by Paul Covel through Office of Parks and Recreation. It will be held at the Oakland Municipal Camp on the Feather River near Quincy. Reservations, info., etc., may be obtained by calling 273-3297, or writing Parks & Recreation, 1520 Lakeside Dr., Oakland.

Eagles, Osprey, et al - GGAS members will be able to join Phil Schaeffer, Naturalist at National Audubon's Richardson's Bay Wildlife Sanctuary, on a camping trip to Eagle Lake (located north of Susanville).

The expedition will spend three days — June 4, 5, & 6 — observing nesting Osprey and Eagles. Last year's trip, open only to Marin Audubon, is still being raved about.

Other Audubon chapters are invited, enrollment is limited; contact Mr. Schaeffer straight away for details at 388-2524, 376 Greenwood Beach Rd., Tiburon, 94920.

OLD FRIENDS

I met an old friend recently, unexpectedly. During a high-mountain wildflower expedition, I rested at the edge of a stream cascading down from a glacier. As I sat listening to the mesmerizing music of the water, a plain, grey bird appeared on the other bank. He tipped his head and studied me, then recognizing an admirer, plunged into the torrents.

The Dipper and I are old friends. In my early, gangling teens, while camping with church groups high in the mountains of my Utah home, I

would steal away from the noise and chaos of the group. I would sit, as I sat now, alone by the edge of a mountain stream.

It was many years after I first met him that I finally learned his name. I knew him then as Water Ouzle. I was terrified the first time I saw him walk into — and under — the water. I stared into the creek where he had disappeared. Suddenly he bobbed up onto a rock, flicking the water from his feathers.

From the Dipper I learned that there is more to beauty than brightly colored feathers. I looked for him whenever I was in the mountains, not always being successful. Being in the mountains near a crystal-watered stream was a treasured experience; when a Dipper appeared the day was indeed magical.

And now, again, the Dipper and I met. I watched as he went about the business of survival, working his way through the splashing water. He walked upstream through the raging runoff, flipping his short tail happily as the water danced over his back.

We were together twenty minutes — he working the waters, and I watching. He paused one final time to turn toward me, perhaps to say "good to see you again." One last riffle spilled over his back and, with a flip of his tail, he was gone.

— SS

Gifts and Bequests

For Audubon Canyon Ranch

In memory of:	*Gift of:*
Myra J. Browne, Past president GGAS	Lolita Peterson
Mrs. Gertrude Goldstein	Mrs. Stanley Bialas

For GGAS

In memory of:	*Gift of:*
Donald B. Witherell	Professional Press
Dwight Gray	Esther & Phil Dutton
Miss Una Daniel	Margaret Macormack
Mrs. Andrew Vehlen	Margaret Macormack
Mrs. Richard Dunbar	Margaret Macormack
Mrs. Bert Chapman	Margaret Macormack
Miss Marian Carlson	Betty & Ed Strueken

The Society welcomes gifts in general or gifts in honor or in memory of relatives and friends. Such gifts will be used as specified by the donor, or if unspecified, at the discretion of the Board. This includes their use for general GGAS activities or for special programs of the Society including Audubon Canyon Ranch of which GGAS is co-sponsor. Please send your gift in the form of a check made out to the Golden Gate Audubon Society, Inc. to Mrs. Robert C. Johnsen, Corresponding Secretary, 4 Del Valle, Orinda, CA 94563. The Society is also appreciative of any bequests. Such bequests should specify as recipient the Golden Gate Audubon Society, Inc. All gifts, donations, and bequests will be acknowledged in *THE GULL*, as well as personally on behalf of the Society, by the Corresponding Secretary.

Golden Gate Audubon Society, Inc.
Office: 843-2222
Berkeley, California 94705
2718 Telegraph Avenue, #206

Return Postage Guaranteed

Non-Profit Organization
U. S. POSTAGE
PAID
Berkeley, Calif.
Permit No. 590

ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED **DATED MATERIAL**

Library, California Academy of
Science
Golden Gate Park
San Francisco 18, California 94118

Officers

President, Mary Louise Rosegay (386-1640)
First Vice President, Betty Olds (848-1407)
Second Vice President, Dora Conrath (346-1920)
Treasurer, Robert C. Johnsen (254-3919)
Recording Secretary, Naomi Svenningsen
Corresponding Secretary, Lenore Johnsen (254-3919)

Directors

Christopher G. Carpenter (376-6802)
Claire Johnson (530-7118)
Bill Love (581-4449)
Wm. S. Picher (441-1551)
Aileen Pierson (587-4163)
Barry Spitz (441-4565)

Standing Committee Chairpersons

Conservation, Shirley Taylor (845-2415)
Tom Williams (548-0939)
Education, Dr. James O. Clayton (524-2917)
Field Trips, Marie Mans (284-7681)
Finance, Barry Spitz (441-4565)
Membership, Robert E. O'Brien (526-8241)
Nominating, Bill Love (581-4449)
Publications, Clarence F. Smith (524-2525)
Gull editor, Sharon Sauve (526-8746)
Publicity, Christopher G. Carpenter (376-6802)

Above are all members of the Board of Directors.

Recorded bird report: 843-2211
Bird Observations, Don Roberson (865-2462)
Northern Calif. Rare Bird Alert, Joe Morlan (654-1358)
Office Manager, Vera Paraschak (843-2222)
Librarian, Lisa Johnsen (843-2222)

Mail for all individuals listed above should be sent to the GGAS office
2718 Telegraph Ave., #206, Berkeley, CA 94705. It will be forwarded.

Send address changes to office promptly; Post Office does not forward *THE GULL*. Monthly meetings: second Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Joint membership — local and national $15 per year (individual); $18 (family); includes *AUDUBON* Magazine and *THE GULL;* to join, make checks (no cash) payable to National Audubon Society and send to GGAS office to avoid delay in receiving *THE GULL*. Membership renewals should be sent directly to the National Audubon office. Subscriptions to *THE GULL* separately $3 per year; single issues 30¢. High school and college student membership $7 per year.

The Golden Gate Audubon Society, Inc., was established January 25, 1917, and became a chapter of National Audubon Society in 1948.

The Gull deadline is the first of the month for the following month.